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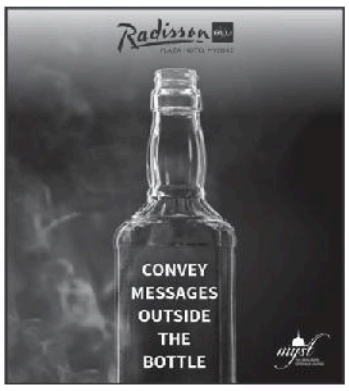


Mysuru-Kushalnagar four-lane Expressway

11 firms bid for tender

Traffic on the Mysuru-Kushalnagar section of NH-275 moving at a snail's pace. The road has already reached its saturation point necessitating the construction of a new Expressway.

Mysuru, Mar. 5 (Akshay&BCT)- Tenders have been floated and will be finalised soon for the Access-Controlled Four-Lane Expressway between Mysuru and Kushalnagar. 11 companies have already submitted their bids for the project that will be undertaken in packages. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is expected to announce the final tender holders soon. This comes less than a month after Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari announcing grants for the Mysuru to Kushalnagar section of the National Highway (NH-275) that will begin at Paschimavahini in Srirangapatna and end near Guddehosur at the start of Kushalnagar.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will perform the ground-breaking ceremony for the project to be developed at a cost of Rs. 3,560 crore when he will arrive at Gejjalagere in Mandya on Mar. 12 where he is dedicating the 10-lane Access-Controlled Expressway between Mysuru and Bengaluru to the nation.

According to sources from the NHAI, the 92.3 km road between Paschimavahini and Guddehosur will be constructed under the Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I programme. The mega project has a deadline of 2026.

Reduces travel time

This alignment of this greenfield project will run parallel to the existing National Highway (NH-275) and connect Guddehosur with Paschimavahini in Srirangapatna and links with the 119-km Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway. The Expressway will reduce travel time and boost freight movement. The land acquisition process started in 2020.

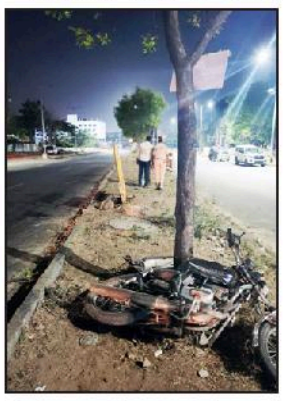
On Feb. 8, Gadkari sanctioned funds for the four-lane road with a paved shoulder from Mysuru to Kushalnagar section of National Highway-275 near Guddehosur at the start of Kushalnagar bypass in Mysuru district, for which a budget of Rs. 909.86 crore has been allocated.

(See TENDER on page 7)

Youth injured as bike rams against a roadside tree

Public blame Police drunk driving check; but CCTV shows he was overspeeding

Mysuru, Mar. 5 (RK&KS)- A two-wheeler rider sustained serious head injuries after he lost control of the bike at a curve and rammed into a roadside tree in the city late last night. The accident took place opposite Sai Garments at Jayadevanagar (on the Ring Road near JSS Urban Haat) at about 10 pm. Following the accident, the enraged public alleged that a drunken driving check being conducted by the Police on the stretch resulted in the accident.



Holding the Police responsible for the incident, they staged a flash protest for some time. But later, CCTV visuals showed that the accident and the drunken driving check had no connection and the Police were not at fault. Instead, the youth was overspeeding and lost control of the bike.

(See BIKE on page 5)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 5th March 2023

Free travel in KSRTC buses for II PUC examinees

Bengaluru, Mar. 5 (BS)- The II PUC students appearing for Board exams from Mar.9 to Mar.29 can travel for free in the buses of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC). The students appearing for exams at other educational institutions too can avail the benefit.

According to KSRTC Officials, the students can travel for free in the buses by producing their exam Hall Ticket. The bus drivers have been instructed to provide stoppage for the students in front of their exam centres.

The Chairman of Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board had requested KSRTC to provide free travel facility for the II PUC students. Considering the request, KSRTC has provided the facility to and fro for exam centres on the day of exams. The free travel facility is available in KSRTC buses operated on city routes and outskirts, shuttle and express buses. The drivers and conductors have been also instructed to provide request stop near exam centres and other places.

Grievance Redressal Panel: MCC invites applications

Mysuru, Mar. 5 (SSM) - The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has invited applications from eligible candidates to form Grievance Redressal Committee at the MCC with the appointment of the Chairman, Local Member and Regional Street Vendor.

Candidates who are retired Civil Judges and are aged below 65 years are eligible to apply for the Chairman's post. Those who are retired as 'A' Grade Officers from the Government and are aged below 65 years are eligible to apply for the Local Member post.

Candidates engaged in roadside business and are aged below65 years are eligible to apply for Regional Street Vendor post.

The decision taken by the Committee will be valid for five years. Retired Civil Judges will be appointed on temporary basis and they will be paid an honorarium of Rs. 2,500 for each session while other Committee members will be paid Rs. 1,000, according to a press release from the MCC Nodal Officer.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Many educationists in India feel that repeating classwork at home is the gateway to excellence. Father Shenoy, the late Principal of St. Joseph's Boys' High School in Bangalore, passionately believed that rote learning (learning by heart) and home assignments were absolutely necessary for a child who needs a structured, disciplined way of learning. Perhaps he was right. Children who were educated in this manner in this country have gone places in highly ranked foreign Universities. Although many educators feel that this may be true of games or sports like tennis or gymnastics, and doubt if it can be applied to academics where a student has to explore what he is studying. Homework's real value lies in making a child "see" what he "heard" in class earlier. It is like Wordsworth's poem *The Daffodils* ***where the poet introspects, "When oft upon my couch I lie, in vacant or in pensive mood, they flash upon the inward eye..." A child may have simply "heard" a teacher explain a mathematical problem in the classroom. But its real significance may dawn on him much later when he recalls the classroom lecture while doing his homework. That recollection perhaps is true learning.*** — *Vatsala Vedantam in Deccan Herald*

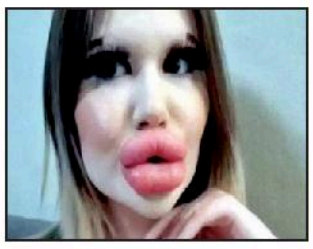
NEWS SPARKLERS

Skip and cycle!

New Delhi: There are countless videos of people performing daring stunts. While some have an innate ability to pull off such stunts, others do it to fuel their adrenaline drive. One such video has surfaced on the internet showing a young woman indulging in a risky stunt. The woman identified as Bushra, is seen using a skipping rope while riding a bicycle.

The clip starts with the woman cycling along a picturesque highway. However, that's not the only thing she does. The woman, adept at multi-tasking, can be seen gracefully skipping a rope and cycling at the same time. A small placard with the number '2023' is also stitched on her top. The video has been shared with a caption which reads, "Charo taraf hai 2023 ke charche and Skipping kaisi lagi" (There's buzz about 2023 around all corners, and did you like my skipping?).

Lady with world's biggest lips now wants huge cheekbones



New York: Andrea Ivanova, the woman with the 'World's Biggest Lips' has now set her sight on having the world's largest cheekbones, according to the New York Post.

"I want in addition to the biggest lips in the world, to have some of the biggest cheekbones too," Andrea said.

"I've had four hyaluronic acid injections in my cheekbones so far, but I will undergo two more within the week,' she added.

According to the New York Post, the plastic surgery fanatic began her transformation in 2018 when she first began to inject her lips. She also desires to have the biggest chin.

"I will make my lips even bigger as well as continue to my new goal and for the biggest chin. I am planning a lot of new procedures on my face and a new breast augmentation with even bigger silicone implants", said Ivanova. She has received over 34 injections in her lips and continues to get more.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Kidney disease is not rare. As per the recent data, 1 in every 10 adults suffer from chronic kidney disease across the globe.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P. T. - Consultant – Nephrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

34th Annual Day celebrated at Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled

Mysuru, Mar. 5 - Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled, run by NR Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the NR Group, celebrated its 34th Annual Day in the school premises in city recently.

The event was inaugurated in a unique way by inviting the parents of students to do the honours along with R. Guru, Chairman, NR Group.

B. Basavaraju, Deputy Director, Department of Women and Child Development, who was the chief guest, said, "We can only build our nation better, if we build our children better. By providing our children not only with education, but also life skills we can ensure a better society."

Annual day event featured a variety of cultural programmes by students who captivated the audience by performing Action Song, Vande Mataram Group Dance, Krishnavathara Group Dance, Swayamvara Comedy Skit, Folk Dance etc.

Annual day is one of the most awaited celebrations for the alumni too who participated in large numbers. The event concluded with prize distribution.

Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled is a free residential school for visually challenged girls from economically disadvantaged background, giving them confidence to be responsible for themselves. Students passed out from the school are today working at various institutions and leading their life with dignity which stands testimonial to the noble cause initiated by the NR Group.

REALLY...?

- ***The biggest cashew tree in the world covers an area of about 80,000 square feet and produces over 60,000 fruits each year. The tree gets its size from two genetic issues, which allow branches to grow outwards instead of upwards, taking new roots when touching the ground.***
- ***Potatoes produce fruits that look like small green tomatoes. Don't eat them, because they contain a neurotoxin called solanine that can cause hallucinations, paralysis or even death.***
- ***Pollia condensata or marble berry is the world's shiniest living thing.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

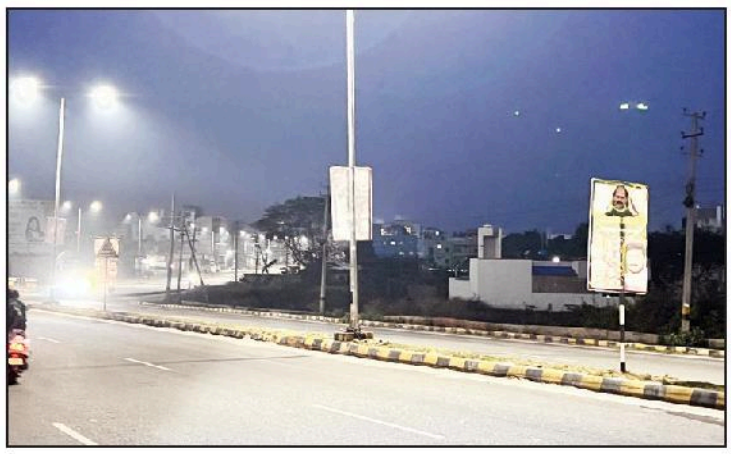
Son: *Mom, yesterday when I was in the bus with dad, he told me to give up my seat to a lady.*
Mom: *Good, you have done the right thing.*
Son: *But mom, I was sitting on dad's lap !*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 81.71
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.34
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.25
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.03

VOICE OF THE READER

Flex boards marring beauty of Mysuru



Sir,

Of late, fans, friends and followers of politicians, irrespective of parties, have started erecting big flex boards at prominent Circles and corners of main roads in the city.

The lamp posts are also not spared, so also traffic sign posts either on Outer Ring Road or other main roads, which are replete with boards wishing for birthdays of their favourite leaders. It is also a sort of publicity campaign for the leader, followers and the political parties they belong to.

I feel the MCC, which comprises people's representatives belonging to several parties, has to start cracking down on such boards and see to it that rules and regulations are not flouted.

Advertisements in newspapers or social and tele media are acceptable, but not at the cost of beauty of Mysuru city.

The MCC has to take *suo motu* action in this regard.

—B.G. Balaji

Kanakadasanagar

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Call for making best use of job opportunities

Mysuru, Mar. 5 (PM&DM)- Maharaja Education Trust President Dr. S. Murali said that one can see success in life only if he/she takes up any job seriously.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Pre-job interview programme (Udyoga Mitra) organised by H.V. Rajeev Udyoga Mitra at KSOU Convocation Bhavan in Muktagangothri campus here yesterday, ahead of the two-day Job Mela to be held on Mar. 10 and 11.

Pointing out that job aspirants must make best use of all job opportunities that come in their way, Dr. Murali stressed on the need for candidates to get prepared for job interviews. Noting that information regarding job opportunities in companies are available aplenty in websites, he said that candidates will get confused while attending interviews in the absence of preparation.

Maintaining that the two-day Job Fair (Udyoga Mela) on Mar. 10 and 11 is a golden opportunity for job-seekers, he called upon the aspirants not to rue about lost opportunities and look towards future.

Former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, who is the organiser of the Udyoga Mela, said that the Udyoga Mitra held prior to the Udyoga Mela is aimed at developing confidence among young job aspirants from Mysuru and surrounding districts. Underlining the objective of organising the Udyoga Mitra, he said this will help in making job aspirants connect with employer companies.

Rajeev further said that more than 50 reputed companies are expected to take part in the two-day Udyoga Mela (Mar. 10 & 11), during which 6,000 youths having different educational qualifications are likely to get job offers.

Pointing out that there were just over 5,500 Start-Ups in the country before 2014, Rajiv said that this number has now grown to over 90,000, which explains India's growth story. India, which is now the fifth biggest economy of the world, will become the second biggest in just a few years, he added.

S.V. Venkatesh, CEO of *proofile.in,* who is also the Udyoga Mela Convenor, said that more than 700 job aspirants with qualifications of Degree, Post-graduate Degree and Engineering degree, took part in Udyoga Mitra. The job aspirants can register for the Mela on Mar. 11 at the venue, he said adding that participating companies will hold several rounds of online interviews with job aspirants till Apr. 5.

The 2-day Udyoga Mela will be held at Pramati Hillview Academy in Kuvempunagar on Mar. 10 and 11. On Mar.10, for candidates having qualifications such as SSLC, PUC, ITI, JOC, Diploma etc., On Mar. 11, for candidates having higher qualifications starting from degree. For details, call: 95133-73737.

Former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa and others were present.

MLA inaugurates Little Angels Montessori in city

Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait seen inaugurating Little Angels Montessori, a hybrid Montessori Preschool started by a group of academicians with over 40 years of experience at Bannimantap 'A' Layout in city recently. The play school is an amalgamation of Montessori education matched with conventional teaching methods to deliver the best outcome for the students in a safe and friendly atmosphere. Loyal World Group's Managing Director Mohammed, Principal of Little Angels Montessori retired Professor Dr. Sultana Jabeen, Centre Manager Asma Thahura, senior teacher Diedre Joy Boother, School Founders Dr. Imaad, Dr. Kahkashan and retired PWD Engineer Jamsheed Jah were present on the occasion.

52nd Natl. Safety Day celebrations

Mysuru, Mar. 5 (SSM)- The Department of Factories Boilers Industrial Safety and Health has organised 52nd National Safety Day celebrations in city tomorrow (Mar. 6) with the theme 'Our Aim - Zero Harm.'

In order to create safety awareness among public, a safety march will be taken out from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple near Palace North Gate to Kalamandira on Hunsur Road.

The safety march, which will be flagged off by City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh at 8 am, will pass through prominent circles before reaching Kalamandira on Hunsur Road where a stage programme will be held.

Department of Factories Boilers Industrial Safety and Health Director K. Srinivas will hoist the safety flag at 9 am in Kalamandira premises. An expo of safety equipment used during building construction, factories and mining will be inaugurated by A.J. Stationery Private Limited Director Shashi Ranjan at 9.15 am.

A public meeting will be held inaugurated by DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra at 10 am. Meritor President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) N. Muthukumar will preside. AT&S Managing Director and COO Santosh Gundapi, All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) President H.R. Shehsadri and Shashi Ranjan will be the guests of honour.

Gold Bond Scheme launch at Post Offices tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 5- The Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme (2022-23 series) will be launched at Post Offices across the city tomorrow (Mar. 6). The Scheme will be open till Mar. 10.

The Department of Posts first launched the scheme in 2015 and since then, Bond transactions totalling Rs. 31,000 crore has taken place across the country. Interested customers can walk into their nearest Post Office and invest in the Gold Bond Scheme, which closes on Mar. 10. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2417308 or 2417307 or Mob: 98451-07947.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that the property bearing No. 477, Municipal Assessment No. 3434/3293, situated at Srikantapuri Extension, Nanjangud Town belongs to my client Smt Suma Kadambi

It has come to my knowledge of my client, certain persons with vested interest are canvassing and misleading the general public that a huge temple would be constructed in the said site and for the said purpose are also seeking donations from the general public in cash and kind.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works at Suttur 66/11 KV Power Distribution Centre, power supply will be disrupted on Mar. 7 between 10 am and 3 pm in the following areas: Kupparavalli, Kalmalli, Sonahalli, Kiragunda, Belagunda, Nagarle, Saragur, Basavanapura, Kabbalageregundi, NA Rice Mill, Alambur, Munti, Horalavadi, Gikalli, Geekallihundi, Kullankanahundi, Mullur and Horalavadi Hosur, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer Nanjangud Taluk.

Matrimonial meet postponed

Veerashaiva Matrimonial Meet organised under the aegis of Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Zilla Veerashaiva-Lingayata Mathadipatigala Goshti, which was scheduled to take place on Mar. 12 at Harave Virakta Mutt in Chamarajanagar taluk, has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, according to a press release. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548211 or 2548212 or 2548218.

'Best Sericulturist' award

K. Shivaramu, a progressive Sericulturist of Kongaralli in Kamagere Hobli of Kollegal taluk, Chamarajanagar, has bagged the 'Best Sericulturist' Award given by the State Sericulture Department by winning second place in the State-level Cottage Basin Unit category in 2020-21. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 20,000.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	105.02	feet
Yesterday	:	105.38	feet
Inflow	:	251	cusecs
Outflow	:	3,868	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Yesterday	:	2,266.70	feet
Inflow	:	119	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,500	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,827.98	feet
Inflow	:	85	cusecs
Outflow	:	90	cusecs

Officers trained to handle EVMs, verification systems

Mysuru, Mar. 5 (BCT)- In view of the ensuing Assembly elections, a hands-on training and sensitisation programme for Electronic Voting Machine (EVM)/Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) for officers was held at the D. Devaraj Urs Auditorium of the Zilla Panchayat yesterday.

The training was carried out under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra. The primary objective of the training is to create awareness of the complete functioning of the EVMs and VVPATs and to brief the officials on the voting process that takes place in the polling booth.

Master trainers reached out to the duties and responsibilities of polling personnel and also instructed them on their responsibilities of the mock poll and how to start the poll and the secrecy of voting in their respective polling stations.

The training was based on the directives issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI) and detailed guidelines were issued along with intensive training to all polling staffers to check the processes of VVPATs and EVMs. Instructions have been issued with respect to machine handling and transfer.

Besides, the polling staff have been sensitised about the sanctity of the EVM-VVPAT procedures. The trainers explained the functioning of the ballot unit, control unit and other allied functions and operations of the EVMs/VVPATs.

Responsibilities have been fixed on the officials deployed for poll duty and they were asked to understand the working of the machines. Polling and assistant officers, who have been appointed to all the Constituencies in Mysuru district were asked by the DC to educate the public on polling, the use of EVMs and the working of VVPAT machines.

Dr. Rajendra directed the officers to get themselves sensitised about the ECI's guidelines. "Go through the EC's orders and directions carefully and discharge the duties responsibly," the DC said. He also warned of action in case of any lapses in complying with the EC's orders.

"You play an important role in the election process and you must understand roles and responsibilities and understand the status of polling booths like facilities available," he added. The DC told officers to ensure that direct sunlight doesn't fall on the VVPAT machines.

The training for the Constituency-wise officers will end on Mar. 20 and after that, the officers must take on the task of educating people at voting booths. Ravi, lecturer at Ravandur Government Degree College demonstrated the functioning of the EVMs and VVPATs.

Additional DC Kavitha Rajaram, Mysuru Assistant Commissioner Kamalabai, Hunsur Assistant Commissioner Ruchi Bindal, MUDA Commissioner and EVM/VVPAT Nodal Officer G.T. Dinesh Kumar and others were present.

Cops nab accused on the run for 23 years

Mysuru, Mar. 5 (RK&BS)- Krishnaraja Police personnel have arrested a person who was eluding them after being released on conditional bail by a Court, 23 years ago. U.P. Mahesh, aged about 51 years, was arrested from an isolated place in the outskirts of Bengaluru on Mar. 2, 2023.

According to Police sources, Mahesh, aged about 28 years at the time of the incident way back in 1997, was the prime accused in an attempt to murder case, along with two other co-accused in the case.

Krishnaraja Police had registered the First Information Report (FIR No. 251/97) under IPC Sections 307 (attempt to murder) and 324 (voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons).

After securing bail from the Court, Mahesh had gone absconding, skipping the Court. Following this, the Court had issued a Non-Bailable Warrant (NBW) directing the Police to trace and produce him.

Following this, Police team involving Head Constables Suresh, Mokhadder Shariff, Vasanth Kumar and P. Kumar (Technical Cell) and Police Constable B. Mahesh, traced the absconding accused and produced him before the Court which sent him to judicial custody.

Forest Department to get rid of plastic at Chamundi Hill

30 bags of plastic waste collected on first day; special drive till Mar. 21

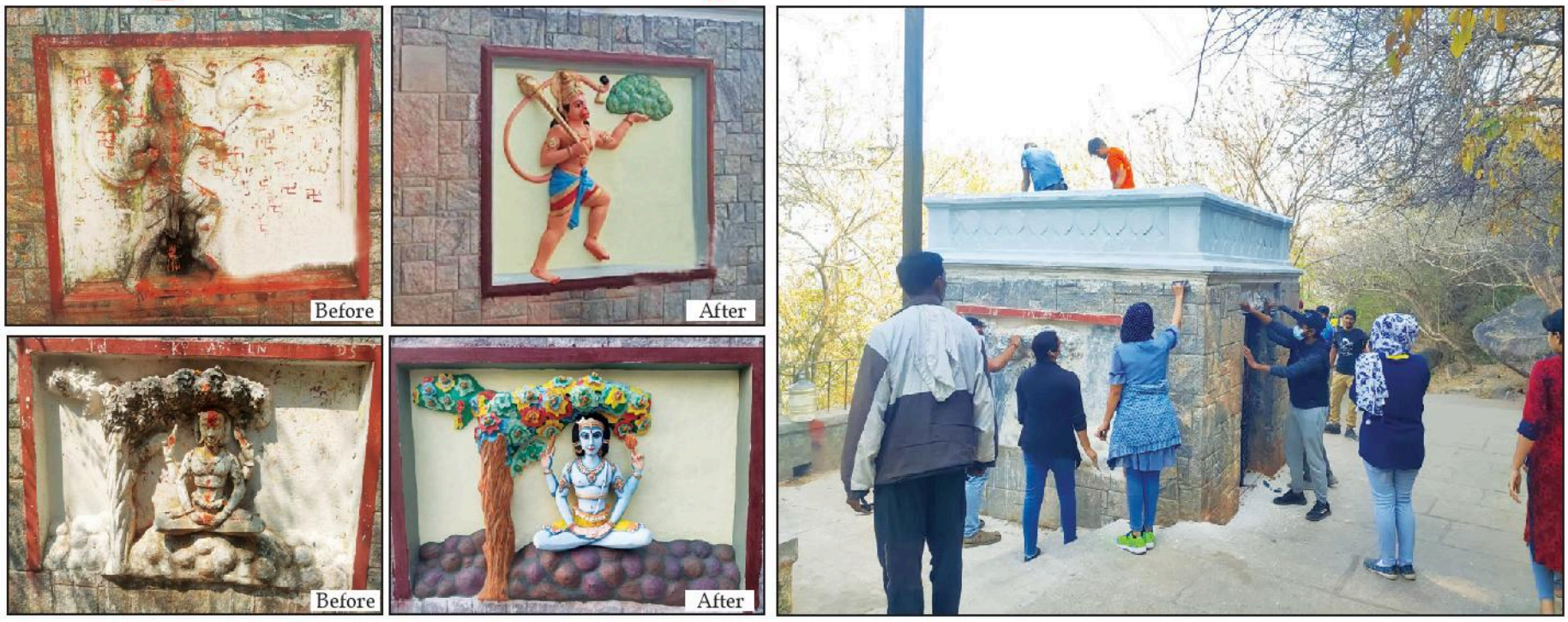
Mysuru, Mar. 5 (MTY&BS)- Forest Department has launched a special drive to make Chamundi Hill plastic-free. Starting from Mar. 3 to 21, the Department will be collecting plastic waste at the Hill. Chamundi Hill is a prominent religious and tourist spot in Old Mysuru region, where the plastic waste is posing a threat not just for the birds, but also for the sand deposits in the Hill. Chamundi Hill is already declared as Plastic-Free Zone, but there has been an unabated use of plastic. Now action has been taken to collect plastic waste disposed by tourists and devotees alike on the hill route.

The cleanliness drive has been launched by roping in volunteers, environmental lovers, college students and interested public. On Friday (Mar. 3), the first day of the drive, over 15 Forest Department personnel collected 30 bags of plastic within one hour.

The drive will be conducted from 7 am to 1 pm till Mar. 21. Interested can also join the shramdan along with Forest personnel.

RFO Dhanyashree, DRFO Satish Kumar, Forest Guards Appanna, Gagan and 10 Forest Watchers participated in the drive.

Yuva Brigade restores defaced figurines atop Chamundi Hill



The defaced figurines at the Anjaneyaswamy Temple on the way to Chamundi Hill via the 1,000 steps have been restored by volunteers of the Yuva Brigade who performed the service recently. The Temple is located at the 900th step of the Hill and no one had bothered to restore them though daily pujas were held there. The Temple premises were cleaned, scrubbed and white-washed. Experienced sculptors were brought in to restore the defaced ancient centuries-old sculptures.

Animal lovers protest against MP

Mysuru, Mar. 5 (MTY&DM)- Strongly condemning the reported remarks of MP Pratap Simha that street dogs need to be castrated and that feeding them was not a big thing, more than 50 animal lovers under the banner of 'People For Animals' (PFA), Mysuru, staged a demonstration near the DC's office here this morning.

"MP Pratap Simha at a recent MCC meeting that took place in the MCC Hall wanted the MCC to launch a drive for castration of street dogs as their increasing numbers posed a threat to pedestrians and motorists. The MP had also said that feeding stray dogs was not a big thing, which remark is an insult for dog lovers. This irresponsible remark of a responsible MP (Simha) is an abusive remark against all those feeding street dogs voluntarily out of compassion and love for animals. But the MP should take note that feeding stray dogs is a generous thing, which elected representatives who are mired in corruption, immorality and other such wrongdoings do not understand. The MP should apologise for his insulting remarks targeting dog lovers and withdraw his remarks", the protestors said.

They also warned that MP Simha alone would be held responsible if some people, inspired by the provocative remarks of the MP, take law into their hands and resort to indiscreet killing of street dogs.

The protestors held placards that carried messages targeting the MP, such as 'We live in society, not in your constituency', 'Be kind and feed animals', 'Feeding animals is a great job' etc.,

Animal lovers Bhagyalakshmi, Supreet Narayan, Rohini, Supriya, Harsha, Nalina and others took part in the protest.

Youth injured as bike rams

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The injured rider has been identified as 20-year-old Darshan, a resident of Belavatta, and the accident has been captured by a CCTV camera installed in the vicinity of the accident spot.

Darshan was riding his Yamaha bike (KA-01-L-1307) from the Hebbal side and was to take a turn near JSS Urban Haat to go towards KRS Road Main Road. While taking the turn, he reportedly lost control of the bike and rammed it into a roadside tree. He was not wearing a helmet and sustained severe head injuries. The bike has also been damaged badly. Meanwhile, V.V. Puram Traffic Sub-Inspector L.C. Sridhar and staff, who were conducting drunk driving checking near KRS Road-Royal Inn junction, which is about 150 mts. away from the accident spot, shifted the injured to a private hospital.

Commuters and residents, however, alleged that the accident took place as the Police personnel, who were conducting checking for drunk driving, pushed a wheeled barricade on the bike and as a result, Darshan lost control and collided against a tree.

They held a protest for sometime, holding the Cops responsible. But a CCTV camera footage of the accident saved the Police from being targeted. The CCTV footage showed that the speeding bike crashed into a roadside tree while the Police were conducting checking about 150 mts. away from the accident spot.

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Innovate to stop brain drain: Bharat Biotech Chairman

Bhramara's Prestigious Award for Distinguished Service to Humanity conferred on Covaxin-maker

Mysuru, Mar. 5 (BS)- Dr. Krishna Ella, Co-Founder and Executive Chairman of Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad, that invented Covaxin (the indigenous vaccine against COVID-19) has given a clarion call for the younger generation to take innovative steps so that a conducive atmosphere is created to check the next generation from looking for green pastures in foreign countries.

Krishna Ella addressed the gathering, a mix of scientists, academicians and students, after receiving Bhramara's Prestigious Award for Distinguished Service to Humanity from the trustees of Bhramara Trust of Y.T. and Madhuri Thathachari at Sri Rajendra Auditorium, JSS Medical College at Sri Shivarthreeshwara Nagar in city last evening.

"The younger generation should fight for innovations as the Government alone cannot change the eco-system. Or else, the next generation will leave the country, with only old aged people remaining. Unlike five years ago, the Government is different today and the youths should not refrain from taking the risk," said Krishna Ella.

Dr. Krishna Ella, Co-founder and Executive Chairman of Bharat Biotech, being conferred 'Bhramara's Prestigious Award for Distinguished Service to Humanity' by Bhramara Trust of Y. T. and Madhuri Thathachari at Sri Rajendra Auditorium, JSS Medical College, Shivarathreeshwara Nagar, in the city yesterday. Others seen are (standing from left) former Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India K. Vijay Raghavan, former ISRO Chairman A.S. Kiran Kumar, member of Mysore royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Madhuri Thathachari of Bhramara Trust, former Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS-AHER) Pro-Chancellor Dr. Suresh Bhojraj and Prof. R. Srinivasan of Bhramara Trust.

Not exploiting the pandemic situation

Recalling a meeting held at a star hotel in Bengaluru on Dec. 5, 2019, where he had expressed an opinion that 'Bengaluru will be empty in the event of a pandemic,' Krishna Ella said, "Many didn't believe in my apprehension. 30 to 40 days later, the COVID-19 pandemic struck the country."

"When Covaxin was approved, we at Bharat Biotech decided to hand over the vaccine to the Government without asking for a single pie. The company had invested Rs. 800 crore including Rs. 500 crore on clinical trials but was firm on not exploiting the situation as the country was suffering at that time. The revenue (of the country) had taken a beating without any collection of taxes or tourism activities," said Krishna Ella.

"A company should not think on commercial returns always as at times we have to act with a human touch. Hence, we did it accordingly during the COVID situation," he asserted.

Colonial situation still prevails

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) former Chairman A.S. Kiran Kumar described how the pandemic showed the importance of Science and Technology. "Until the pandemic struck the country, people were of the belief that science was nowhere connected to life. The pandemic has reset the man and is evident with how we learnt about the significance of 'Namaskara' (Indian tradition of greeting each other) in our country," he noted.

Expressing his regrets over how colonial situation still prevails in country even after 75 years of independence, Kiran Kumar said, "150 years ago, physical raw materials in the country were exported to foreign countries and we were getting finished products. Similarly, intellectual capability is still being targeted."

Wadiyars set a role model

Mysore royal family member Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar described how his ancestors had set a precedent by doing many firsts for the cause of the society.

"When there was a health crisis and Wadiyar's were ready to vaccine the people (against smallpox), attempts were made to derail the cause by traditional medicine practitioners by spreading a myth that it (vaccine) may harm lives. To ward off the myth, Maharani Lakshmammanni took a bold step asking her daughter-in-law to get inoculated in front of people," said Yaduveer.

Likewise, the Princely Mysore State started many eponymous products like Mysore Sandal Soap, Mysore Silk and several others, which can be better described as 'Make in Mysore', akin to how the indigenous industries of the country nowadays are being labelled as 'Make in India'.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji said, "A country can progress only when its people feel proud of the indigenous products. The contribution of Krishna Ella is remarkable, for how he set an example by not just developing the vaccine, but also by returning to the country after completing his higher studies in USA."

K. Vijay Raghavan, former Principal Scientific Advisor, Government of India, described how vaccines are developed through a rigorous process. University of Mysore former Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. S. Rangappa, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS-AHER) Pro-Chancellor Dr. Suresh Bhojraj, Madhuri Thathachari and Prof R. Srinivasan of Bhramara Trust were present.

MLA asks officials to identify land for burial grounds in every village

Mysuru, Mar. 5 (SBD&DM)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has asked officials to identify land for burial grounds in all villages coming under the Constituency. He was speaking at a meeting with officials regarding various development works in his Constituency, at ZP Hall here yesterday.

Pointing out that 92 villages come under his Chamundeshwari Constituency, GTD said that there are lands for burial grounds in 83 villages, while a proposal has been sent to the Government regarding allotment of land for burial grounds in the remaining nine villages.

Pointing out that while 33 burial grounds have been developed, he directed the officials to utilise funds and develop them in the rest of 59 villages.

GTD further instructed the officials to clear all encroachments of lands earmarked for burial grounds and to hand them over to the respective Gram Panchayats in a week. He warned against any undue delay regarding the matter.

Referring to drinking water supply in villages with summer fast approaching, GTD asked the officials to make preparations from now itself for ensuring that water supplies will not be disrupted. He also instructed for improving infrastructure in all villages and to ensure that all civic amenities are in place in every village of the Constituency.

ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri directed the officials to expedite identification and marking of lands for burial grounds in every village and to develop them using MNREGA funds.

Mysuru TP Executive Officer H.D. Girish, Assistant Director of Land Records Chikkanna, Rural Employment Assistant Director K.M. Raghunath and others were present.

Covaxin maker has a deep connection with Mysuru

Dr. Krishna Ella stayed in Yadavagiri in Mysuru city during the 1980s. He was sent on Rotary Fellowship from Mysuru to study Master's in the US which in a way contributed to the setting up of Bharat Biotech.

Dr. Krishna Ella

Since Jan. 16, 2021, when India started administering the COVID-19 vaccine, there are several millions of people across the world — the majority in India — who have taken the jab in two doses and also as a precautionary dose. Mysureans are also among several such jab takers but not many are aware of the Mysuru connection with the vaccine maker.

Krishna Ella is the Co-Founder and Executive Chairman of Bharat Biotech, the company that developed Covaxin in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the National Institute of Virology (NIV). He had resided at Yadavagiri in Mysuru in the 1980s.

It was his tryst with the City of Palaces and the participation of many achievers and dignitaries from various spectra of life, that compelled Krishna Ella to come back to Mysuru and receive the Bhramara's Prestigious Award for Distinguished Service to Humanity from the trustees of Bhramara Trust of Y.T. and Madhuri Thathachari.

Moreover, Krishna stayed away from felicitations even when he was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2022. However, he could not say no when 15 organisations felicitated him upon the conferment of the Bhramara Award.

He described it as a rare moment in his life, as how fate made him opportune to receive the award in the city. Dr. Krishna Ella relishes his bond with Mysuru, which he remembered, when *Star of Mysore* approached him, amid a rush of fans who were gung-ho to take a selfie or photo with him.

By B. Sreekantswamy

Star of Mysore: In your address at the award ceremony, you mentioned that youngsters must fight for innovations. Can you elaborate?

Dr. Krishna Ella: Yes (the conversation switches over from English to Kannada). The Government alone cannot do all, except for providing basic infrastructural facilities. Be it road, water or housing, we cannot expect everything from the Government. Hence, youngsters should take the risk of innovations.

Star of Mysore: The fear over the COVID-19 pandemic is becoming a passé. What's next for Bharat Biotech (any more vaccines being developed for other diseases)?

Dr. Krishna Ella: (Smiles with an acknowledgment) The first and second phase of clinical trials of the vaccine in US have been completed (earlier US Food and Drug Administration had put on hold the trials of the shot, after WHO inspected Bharat Biotech, before lifting the hold in May 2022).

Star of Mysore: You have studied agriculture (degree from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and joined for a Master's Degree at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, a Master's Degree from the University of Hawaii and PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, department of plant pathology). Post pandemic, many youths are turning towards Agriculture?

Dr. Krishna Ella: I do have agricultural land at Mannalli in Jayapura Hobli on the Mysuru-H.D. Kote Road, which the representatives of our company are taking care of. Besides, I have set up a Food Park in Bengaluru, the details shall be provided later.

Star of Mysore: It's been several years since you left Mysuru. But still, you speak chaste Kannada.

Dr. Krishna Ella: I was a resident of Fourth Cross, Paramahamsa Road in Yadavagiri in the 1980s. To speak about my Kannada-speaking ability, I picked up the smattering of the language while studying in Bengaluru. (The tryst with the language continues. His mother tongue is Telugu but he can speak Tamil also with ease, as he quickly switched over to that language the moment a couple from Tamil Nadu requested for a photo with him).

Star of Mysore: Your memories of Mysuru?

Dr. Krishna Ella: As I said earlier (during the speech), Agarbathi Guru (referring to R. Guru the chairman of N. Rangarao and Sons that makes Cycle Pure Agarbathi) was the one who was responsible for me going abroad for higher studies.

He (Guru) inducted me to Rotary Club and later sent on a Rotary fellowship to the US for studying Master's Degree at University of Hawaii. Coming from a family of farmers, I couldn't have dreamt of going to a foreign country for studies. In a way, Mysuru contributed to the setting up of Bharat Biotech.

Star of Mysore: But still your memories with Mysuru is intact.

Dr. Krishna Ella: I still remember going to a mess for food in Yadavagiri, besides tasting the crispy dosa at the Mylari Hotel. The finest moments in life are those you experience without money in hand. Once the money starts flowing, we will become busy, with no time to spare for other things▪

Mysuru-Kushalnagar Expressway: 11 firms bid for tender

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Gadkari also announced the construction of access-controlled four lanes with paved shoulders from Mysuru to Kushalnagar section of NH-275 at Yalachahalli near Yelwal-K.R. Nagar Road Junction to Srirangapatna bypass in Mysuru district with a budget of Rs. 739.39 crore.

Tenders called in Sept. 2022

The NHAI had invited tenders for the project under Hybrid Annuity Mode in September 2022 and the technical bids were opened in mid-February 2023 and there were 11 bidders. As per Government tender norms, the tenders will be handed over to the lowest bidder. The names of the final tender holder will soon be announced by the NHAI, sources added.

The work will be undertaken in packages — from Guddehosur to Kushalnagar Bypass to Hassan-Periyapatna Road Junction (22 km and estimated cost is Rs. 617.14 crore); from Hemmige Village Hassan - Periyapatna Road Junction to Ramanathapura -Terakanambi Road K.R. Nagar Junction (24.1 km and estimated cost is Rs. 589.50 crore).

From Ramanathapura-Terakanambi Road K.R. Nagar Junction in Hunsur to Yalachahalli near Yelwal-K.R. Nagar Road Junction (26.5 km and estimated cost is Rs. 659.48 crore); Yalachahalli near Yelwal K.R. Nagar Road Junction to Srirangapatna bypass near Paschimavahini (18.985 km estimated cost is Rs. 662.83 crore).

Why a totally new road?

The Expressway will provide smooth connectivity and seamless travel from Bengaluru to Kushalnagar and its people will be greatly benefited as the existing National Highway 275 has already reached its saturation point.

Earlier, there was a plan to widen the NH-275 on either side. But the main roadblock to this project is Rare Materials Plant (RMP), a Central Government Defence Establishment and Arabithittu Reserve Forest of Karnataka Forest Department (KFD).

If the NH-275 has to be widened, RMP and KFD have to give land and this is near to impossible and is a long-drawn process. As such, the widening of NH-275 has been shelved and an entirely new Expressway project has been taken up.

Mysuru: A Look at its Past...

By Gouri Satya, Sr. Journalist

They too served Mysuru in various capacities

While recording the development of Mysuru, we generally hail the contribution made by the Maharajas and the Dewans. We attribute most of the progressive works to them and also to some British Residents, like J.D. Gordon.

But there were many others, who, working in different capacities in the then Mysore Government, strove for the development of the State. However, their services have remained obscure. To list them and their services perhaps would run into a big volume. Here is an attempt to record the services of a few of them:

M. Krishnaswamy Rao

Raghavalu Naidu

Manepanda Muttannah

H. Nanjundaraj Urs

Dr. P. Palpu

M. Krishnaswamy Rao
— A distinguished individual

M. Krishnaswamy Rao of Mysore belonged to a family which had been closely identified with the State service for over two centuries. One of his ancestors, Bacha Rao, held an appointment next only to that of the Dewan in the time of Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar III.

The faithful services rendered by the members of his family are referred to by Buchanan and Wilks in their works.

Krishnaswamy Rao was born in 1870 as the son of Muhatub Ganghadhara Rao of the Mysore Palace service. After his education in the Mysore Maharaja's College, Madras Christian College and Madras Law College, he joined the Mysore service as Revenue Probationer in 1896, became Deputy Amildar in 1898, and worked as Amildar in various places.

He later became an Assistant Commissioner. After serving as the Vice-President of the Bangalore City Municipality in 1906, he was transferred to Mysore as Vice-President of the Municipality and ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of Mysore city in 1908, where he made a significant contribution.

Gubra Cutcherry Babu Rao
— Dewan Purnaiya's rival

During the rule of Krishnaraja Wadiyar III, there was an official who was considered a rival to Dewan Purnaiya. Commonly called Gubra Cutcherry Babu Rao, because he was its head at one time, this official entered service in his youth under Hyder. He was present at the Perambakkam battle where British Col. Baillie was defeated. He served in the army till Hyder's death and entered Gubra Cutcherry, subsequently called Dewan's Cutcherry.

He was treated by Krishnaraja Wadiyar III "next to that distinguished individual (Purnaiya) as most fit to perform the office of Finance Minister." Babu Rao was thrice Dewan of Mysore during the reign of Krishnaraja Wadiyar III (1817-1818, 1820-21 and 1822-1825).

His first appointment was in 1817 and was recalled twice to that post even after his retirement by Col. Briggs, the Senior Commissioner. Briggs remarked of him that his "experience of the revenue details of Mysore exceeds that of any man in the country." Babu Rao died in 1834.

Sir Hajee K.T. Ismail Sait
— Khan Bahadur

Even the rich came forward to serve the State under the Maharaja. Sir Hajee K.T. Ismail Sait, born on March 7, 1869, was a banker, mill owner, and merchant. He was a Hon. Magistrate, in Bangalore in 1888, and a member of the Madras Legislative Council. He served as Chairman and Director of several joint stock companies, including Mysore Bank Ltd., Bhadravathi Iron & Steel Works, and Government Sandalwood Factory. Sait constructed and endowed a Gosha Hospital in Bangalore. He was conferred the title 'Khan Bahadur' in 1911.

Raghavalu Naidu
— Engineer par excellence

Raghavalu Naidu was the Executive Engineer of the Mysore Palace Division. Born on September 19, 1852, he was educated at the School of Engineering and Natural Science, Bangalore.

After a brief stint with the Madras Government, he entered the service of the Mysore Government as Apprentice Engineer, Bangalore Division, in August 1878. Officiating as Executive Engineer from 1892 onwards, he engaged in many special works, including the construction of large tanks at Barankanive, Marikanive etc.

He was put in charge of the building of the new Palace in Mysore in 1897, to replace the former building which had been to a certain extent destroyed by fire. He was sent on deputation to Calcutta, Delhi, Agra, and other places in Northern India to study architectural designs for the new Palace, which were under construction in 1901, 1902 and 1903. The demolishing of the remains of the old structure and the building of the splendid new edifice was his work.

Several noted constructions

He was responsible for building the Marriage Pavilion for which he was awarded a bonus of a month's pay by the Government, and the Maharaja, pleased with his work, presented Naidu with a gold watch in open Durbar.

He was also in charge of the construction works for the reception of Lord Curzon, and did his work so well that the Maharaja granted him a large increase in his personal allowance, and presented him with a handsome diamond ring. He designed and built the showcase for the exhibits at the Franco-British Exhibition of 1908, for which he was presented with a Diploma of Honour. He was also awarded a silver medal by the Madras Fine Arts Society for the exhibits sent from the Palace Division and a gold medal by the Indian Congress Exhibition held in Bombay in 1904 for the Palace Division exhibits. Entrusted with the improvement of Mysore, he engaged himself in the erection of nearly all the public buildings and Bazars in Mysore City. Naidu also designed and carried out extensions, parks, and large architectural buildings. He retired from service on January 26, 1909.

Manepanda Muttannah
— Noted forest keeper

A personality from Coorg to serve Mysore was Manepanda Muttannah. Born as the son of a large land owner on October 2, 1855, he had his education at Mercara Central School and Central College, Bangalore. Joining service as Probationer in the Forest Department of Mercara in 1878, he served in the Central Provinces, 1886-98, and then transferred to Madras Service where he served in the Sub-Assistant Conservator's grade until 1889 when he was promoted as Assistant Conservator.

Later, his services were placed at the disposal of the Mysore Government, which appointed him as the Deputy Conservator of Forests. In December 1901, he was promoted to Conservator of Forests and Secretary to the Government of Mysore in the Forest Department.

In July 1904, he was appointed Conservator of Forests, Mysore. During 12 years of his stewardship, the Forest Department was organised on a sound footing. He was conferred 'Rai Bahadur' in 1899. He retired in 1914.

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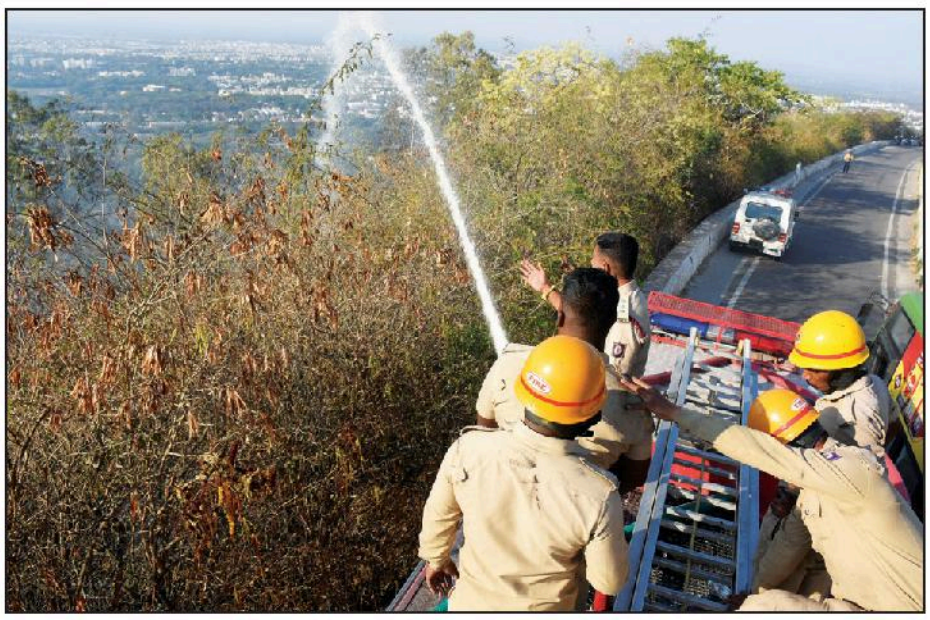
Fire destroys vegetation at Chamundi Hill, Gopalaswamy Hill



Mysuru/ Bandipur, Mar. 5 (MTY &KS)- Fire at Chamundi and Gopalaswamy Hills has destroyed vast areas of flora yesterday.

The fire lit by miscreants has destroyed plants, trees, shrubs and nests of birds atop Chamundi Hill.

It is alleged that miscreants had lit fire on Nandi Statue road atop the Hill in the afternoon and the fire spread rapidly due to wind, destroying everything that came on its way. It is learnt that miscreants had lit fire deliberately at four to five places atop the Hill.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who rushed to the spot along with 40 personnel, four large and two small fire extinguishing vehicles, stepped up their efforts to douse the fire. But due to wind, the fire changed its direction and the flames shot up to the top of the Hill including the View Point. Due to extreme heat and strong winds, the fire extinguishing operation was delayed. The fire personnel then began to spray water at the View Point, thus preventing the fire from spreading further. As there was no road for the Fire staff to take their vehicles, they conducted the operation from the View Point itself.

The operation which began at about 2.20 pm, ended at about 5 pm. But dousing the red hot coal due to burning of dry trees went on till 7 pm and hundreds of acres of forest area was destroyed by then. Range Forest Officer (RFO) Dhanyashree, DRFO Satish, Fire personnel, Forest Watchers, Guards and others took part in the operation.

At Gopalaswamy Hill

About 8 acres of forest has been destroyed at Gowri Kallu Gudda Forest area at Himavad Gopalaswamy Hill in Bandipur Reserve Forest limits in Gundlupet taluk yesterday.

The fire was noticed at about 12.30 pm and soon, the Forest staff, who swung into action immediately, managed to douse the fire in a two hour-long operation and prevented the fire from spreading further.

Forest staff from Gundlupet, Gopalaswamy Hill, Kundakere, Moolehole, Maddur and Omkar Ranges took part in the operation. No harm has been done to the wildlife, according to Forest Department sources.

Sumalatha likely to join BJP

Sumalatha

Bengaluru, Mar. 5- With the Assembly polls just a few weeks away, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish, who was as an independent candidate in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, is likely to join the BJP soon.

As a first step in this regard, Sumalatha, the wife of late actor-turned-politician Ambarish, held a closed door meeting with her supporters recently for receiving inputs from them on joining the BJP. Subsequently, she met former CM S.M. Krishna, who recently announced political retirement after being in the BJP for a couple of years, at his residence in Bengaluru on Saturday and had discussions with him on her plans on joining the BJP during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit for the inauguration of Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway at Maddur on Mar. 12, it is learnt.

However, Sumalatha, while refuting the political speculations in the aftermath of her meeting with veteran leader S.M. Krishna, said that it was only a courtesy visit during which she greeted the former CM for being conferred with *Padma Vibhushan* award.

Speaking to media here yesterday, Sumalatha, who is an independent MP, said no political discussions took place during the meeting and it was just a courtesy visit as she was not able to call on S.M. Krishna after he was bestowed with the second highest Civilian award of the country.

Asserting that she is yet to take a final decision on joining a political party, she said she will take the final call only after discussing the matter with leaders and supporters who worked for her in the Lok Sabha polls.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that Sumalatha had several rounds of meeting at her J.P. Nagar residence in Bengaluru over the past few days regarding her future course of politics in the backdrop of the ensuing Assembly polls. Sumalatha may take a final decision on joining the BJP after another round of meeting with her supporters, it is learnt.

Two booked for selling site using forged documents

Mysuru, Mar. 5- In yet another case of cheating through forged or fake documents concerning buying or selling of sites and other landed properties, the Kuvempunagar Police have booked a case against two persons for selling a residential site to a KPTCL Engineer using forged documents. What is even more interesting here is that MUDA has done Khata to the buyer based on the forged documents and also collected Tax from him for the past five years, before cancelling the registration of the site all of a sudden, citing forgery.

R. Somaraju, a 40-year-old KPTCL Engineer currently serving at Raichur, is the one who has lodged a complaint, accusing M.V. Ganesh Babu, a resident of Khille Mohalla and Ramgopal, a broker of Sharadadevinagar, of cheating him.

Details: M.V. Ganesh Babu, one of the accused in the case, is said to have developed a Layout in a 4-acre plot coming under Bogadi Survey Nos. 268/4 and 268/5, following which the other accused in the case, Ramgopal is said to have told KPTCL Engineer Somaraju to buy site No. 50 in the developed Layout.

Ramgopal also convinced Somaraju that the site has no legal hurdles or litigation and hence there was no problem in buying the site. After being convinced, Somaraju purchased the site for Rs. 7.60 lakh on Jan. 14, 2015 and also paid Rs. 5.5 lakh as development charges (Rs. 13.10 lakh in total), following which the site was registered in the name of Somaraju.

Later, Somaraju, along with the documents (Layout plan, Site Measurement CD etc.,) provided by M.V. Ganesh Babu, applied to MUDA seeking Khata transfer. Subsequently, the MUDA authorities verified the documents, following which the site Khata was done in the name of Somaraju on Aug. 3, 2015. Later, the MUDA authorities also fixed Revenue Tax for the site and subsequently Somaraju paid the tax for five consecutive years.

But to the shock of his life, Somaraju received a notice from MUDA on Oct. 1, 2022 , which said that M.V. Ganesh Babu had sold the site after forging the measurement record (CD) and as such the site has no legal sanction. Replying to the notice, Somaraju said, he got the site registered after paying the requisite stamp fee to the Government and there was nothing wrong on his part in the site purchase. He also maintained that MUDA had registered the site in his name based on the measurement CD provided by Ganesh Babu and subsequently he regularly paid Revenue and other statutory taxes.

But despite Somaraju's convincing reply to the notice, the MUDA authorities cancelled the registration of his purchased site on Jan. 5, 2023, following which Somaraju, left with no other option, lodged a complaint with Kuvempunagar Police, who have booked a case against M.V. Ganesh Babu and Ramgopal on charges of forgery.

House burgled at Lokanayakanagar

Mysuru, Mar. 5- Burglars, who gained entry into a house by breaking open the back door of the house, have decamped with gold and silver ornaments and cash from the house.

The burglary took place at the house of 25-year-old S. Harsha, a Software Engineer and a resident of Lokanayakanagar in city.

On Mar. 1 at about 7.30 pm, Harsha locked his house and left for night shift work. When he returned at about 5.45 am on Mar. 2 and entered the house, he found the almirah forcibly opened and on inspecting it, he found 29 grams gold ornaments, 300 grams silver articles and Rs. 10,000 cash kept in it missing and on inspecting the house, he found the back door forcibly opened, following which he lodged a complaint.

Metagalli Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

They too served Mysuru

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H. Nanjundaraj Urs
— Lokahitaishi

In 1900, a plan to demolish houses within the Fort in Mysore was taken up. Before demolition, the assessment of houses to be demolished was initiated. H. Nanjundaraj Urs was placed on special duty for this purpose.

Urs was born in Mysore in 1858 and after his education in the Mysore Royal School under Colonel Malleson, he joined the State service as Attaché in the Military Department at Bangalore in 1880 and was transferred in the same capacity to Mysore, in 1885.

Illustrations of Ramayana at Palace

He was appointed Officiating Revenue Assistant Commissioner in 1888 and was placed in charge of Muzrai and general duty. In 1894, he was made the Vice-President of the Mysore Municipality. In 1902, he became the Superintendent, Amrut Mahal Department and a year later he was invested with the powers of 1st Class Magistrate. The title of 'Lokahitaishi' was conferred on him by the Maharaja in 1913.

The decoration of the walls of the newly built Palace was assigned to eminent artists. M. Shama Rao of Mysore, a Palace Artist at the time of Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV, was among them. He executed many excellent paintings adorning the walls of the Palace and also executed chromo-litho illustrations of Ramayana. Besides, he supplied coloured maps in Kannada characters to the Educational Department of Mysore State.

V.N. Narasimmiyengar
— Effective controller

V.N. Narasimmiyengar entered service at the age of 18. He obtained the appointment of Revenue Munshi in the Superintendent's Office of the Chitradurga Division. He was promoted to Revenue Sheristadar, and in 1864 acted as Public Prosecutor, earning the encomiums of the European heads of the Department. In 1867, he was appointed to the Mysore Inam Commission as Assistant Commissioner. After his position as General Assistant Commissioner, he was placed on famine duty as Special Relief Officer. Through his services in this post, he earned the thanks of the Chief Commissioner.

Special Test Census Officer

He also served as Special Test Census Officer after the great famine of 1877. In 1879, he was appointed Deputy Commissioner and later as Sessions Judge, Mysore. In 1886, he resigned from the service. However, in 1890, he was selected to conduct the Provincial Census. "In the performance of this duty," it was described, "he worked with great zeal and assiduity and his report left nothing to be desired." He was warmly thanked for this work by both the Indian and the Mysore Governments. His report was a model of good writing, by which he infused life into the dry statistics which he had to handle. Sir Seshadri Iyer declared that "his statistics decidedly spoke." The last office held by Narasimmiyengar was that of the Palace Controller from 1897 to 1904, when he finally retired.

In this capacity, he showed ability and much firmness, detecting malpractices and putting a stop to corruption, waste and jobbery. He was a man of great erudition, both Eastern and Western, and was a profound scholar in Sanskrit and English. Imbued with liberal principles, both social and religious, he actively promoted social reforms.

Nuggehalli Narasimmiyengar
— Yajaman

Many officers also won laurels from the British officers and one of them was Variyur Nuggehalli Narasimmiyengar, a member of the State Legislative Council, who earned encomiums at every stage of his service like his father.

Born in 1842 as the son of Dewan N. Narasimmiyengar of Tumkur, who held high office under the British Government, this gentleman by his sterling character earned the affections of the people and was remembered by the sobriquets of Dewan and Yajaman. He was respected alike by the British Government and his sovereign.

P. Palpu
— Vaccine man who rose to heights

When we are hearing much about vaccines, here is the story of a pioneer who did yeoman service in the then Mysore State over a century ago. P. Palpu, L.M. & S., D.P.H. was born in Trivandrum, on November 2, 1863. He was educated at Maharaja's College, Trivandrum, Medical College, Madras, and King's College, London. He also pursued his studies in Paris, Berlin and other centres of learning in Europe.

He entered public service in 1890 as Medical Superintendent of the Government Special Vaccine Depot, Madras, and was soon promoted to be Senior Superintendent. Next year, he was selected by Mysore Durbar to start a Vaccine Institute for the State. He joined the Mysore service on September 20, 1891, and started the Vaccine Institute at Bangalore so efficiently that not only Mysore State but also several districts of the Madras Presidency and other parts of India and Burma got their supply of vaccines from the Institute.

He also worked in the Medical Department of the State, in St. Martha's Hospital, in Lunatic and Leper Asylums and in medical stores. In August 1894, he was placed in sole sub-charge of these Institutions. He continued in these appointments till August 1898, when on the first outbreak of plague he was appointed Superintendent of Plague Camps in Bangalore City.

On the subsidence of the plague that year, he was deputed to England where he obtained the D. P. H. of Cambridge. In 1900, he returned to duty in Bangalore and served as the Health Officer of the city, in which appointment he continued till the middle of 1905.

Inspector of Vaccination

In 1902 he was appointed ex-officio Vice-President of the City Municipality. In 1905, he was given the provincial appointment of Personal Assistant to the Sanitary Commissioner of the Government of Mysore where he functioned until August 1907 when he was promoted as Deputy Sanitary Commissioner and Inspector of Vaccination. In this capacity, he also became a Member and Secretary, Central Sanitary Board.

Palpu was a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Public Health, and a Member of the British Medical Association, London. He studied as special subjects — Bacteriology, Serum Therapy, and Tropical Medicine, in London, Sudbury, Paris, Lille, Berlin, and Rome.

Besides these few, there were many more efficient and dedicated men in the then-Mysore Government of the Wadiyars ▪

Spoorthi couple cooking competition winners

The prize winners are seen with Spoorthi President Vani Subramanya, Secretary Nanda Rathnaraj, Treasurer Jhanhavi Dinesh, BAI Mysore Centre Chairman R. Raghunath, Coordinator and Past Chairman N. Subramanya, Past Chairman M.C. Mallikarjun, Members K.T. Govindaraj and S.L. Dinesh.

Mysuru, Mar. 5- Spoorthi, the Ladies Wing of Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, had organised a unique couple cooking competition for its members and their spouses at its MBCT Auditorium premises in city recently.

Nine couples participated in this event. Pratik Rao and Tinku Talwal from Emerald Clarks Inn were the judges. The following are the winners of this event:

Reena & Praveen (Babycorn Schezwan Satay) won the first prize; Lalitha & Srinath (Masala Puri) won the second prize; Savitha & Prabhakar (Hayagreeva) won the third prize.

Geetika & Rajesh (Cutlet) won for the Best presentation; Srilaxmi & Vasudevan (Crispy potato tacos) won in Best try category; Rama & Srikanth (Hyderabadi cut mirchi) won for Best authentic dish; Prema & Badri (Bread dahi bhalla) won for Best health snack; Lalitha & Mohan (Paneer pepper fry) won for Unique dish; Sandhya & Dinesh (Huli avalakki) won the Best concept prize.

Bags bronze medal in U-13 National TT Championship

Mysuru, Mar. 5- Twelve-year-old **Shashank Keshav Rao** has bagged Bronze Medal in Under-13 category at 84th Inter-State Sub-Junior and Cadet National Table Tennis Championship held at Alappuzha in Kerala recently.

Shashank is a 7th standard student of Kautilya Vidyalaya in city. Son of Dr. Suma Rao and Dr. Prashanth Rao couple, who run a Paediatric clinic at Vivekanandanagar, he had trained under Akshay Mahanta of Olympic Maharshi Table Tennis Academy (OMTTA), Vishweshwaranagar.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 5)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Mysuru and Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmedabad, Gujarat:** Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India-2023 expo-cum-sale, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Open Forum:** Talk on 'Professional Journey of a Journalist' by K.B. Ganapathy (KBG), Founder-Editor, Star of Mysore English eveninger and Mysuru Mithra Kannada Daily, Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **5 pm.** [Mob: 94498-19536]
- **Nrityalaya Trust, Mysuru and Ministry of Culture, Government of India:** 'Nalivina Payana-44 Haridasa Sahitya Sangeetha Nritya Sambrama,' valedictory - Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Nrityalaya Trust Chairperson Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra's book titled 'Tulasipriya Narthana Guccha' will be released by *Saraswathi Samman* and *Padma Bhushan* recipient Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, Sangeetha Nataka Academy-New Delhi Executive Committee Member Dr. Nagamani Srinath speaks about the book; Felicitation to internationally acclaimed violinists Mysore Brothers (Vid. Mysore Nagaraj and Vid. Dr. Mysore Manjunath), **5 pm;** 'Swaramantana' - a special dance form of Karnataka by senior students of Nrityalaya, **6 pm;** Violin concert by Mysore Brothers, accompanied by Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. Guruprasanna on ghata; Dance-drama 'Panchathathwa Darshana,' Tillana and Mangala, Ramagovinda Rangamandira, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.15 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2331721]
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Aratrika Stotrada Vaishishyate,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Digambara Jaina Samaja and Padmashri Jaina Mahila Samaja:** Nandisha Ashtahnika Parva of Phalguna Masa of Sri Shubhakritu Nama Samvatsara, discourse on 'Gatha: 526 to 550' by Chandrika Vijaykumar, Sri Shantishwaraswamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 6)

- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Elder Citizens Council:** Health talk on 'Yoga and Pranayama' by B. Basavaraju, a Yoga Practitioner and retired Engineer, Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraj presides, Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.** [Mob: 99804-12406]
- **Sri Digambara Jaina Samaja and Padmashri Jaina Mahila Samaja:** Nandisha Ashtahnika Parva of Phalguna Masa of Sri Shubhakritu Nama Samvatsara, discourse on 'Gatha: 551 to 575' by Dr. M.S. Padma, Sri Shantishwaraswamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7 pm to 8 pm.**

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Prajarajya (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am
Hondisi Bareyiri (K)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Dooradarshana (K)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Love Birds (K)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Kadala Theerada Bhargava (K)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Romancham (Ma)	(S-3)	10.50 am
Vaathi (Ta)	(S-3)	1.25 pm
Ambassador (K)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Oh My Darling (Ma)	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Pakalam Pathiravum (Ma)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Creed III (E)	(S-4)	11.00 am, 7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Kidugu (Ta)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Pathaan (H)	(S-4)	4.15 pm

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Ant-man and the Wasp (E-3D)	:	12.45 pm, 3.35 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.15 pm
Dooradarshana (K)	:	1.05 pm
Kadala Theerada Bhargava (K)	:	3.05 pm
Sir (Te)	:	3.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Pathaan (H)	:	3.45 pm, 9.55 pm
19.20.21 (K)	:	4.05 pm
Selfiee (H)	:	6.25 pm
Aruvi (Ta)	:	7.00 pm
Pakalum Pathiravum (Ma)	:	7.20 pm
Pranaya Vilasam (Ma)	:	10.00 pm

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Pathaan (H)	:	11.45 am, 6.15 pm
Ant-man and the Wasp (E-3D)	:	12.10 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.00 pm
Ondanke Kaadu (K)	:	12.30 pm
Sir (Te)	:	1.05 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.30 pm
Bagheera (Ta)	:	3.00 pm
Jab We Met (H)	:	3.00 pm
Beega (K)	:	3.15 pm
Love Birds (K)	:	4.05 pm, 10:00 pm
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	(S-3)	6.00 pm, 8.50 pm
Pranayavilasam (Ma)	(S-4)	6.55 pm
Selfiee (H)	(S-3)	12.05 pm
Creed III (E)	(S-2)	11 am, 4.20 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Dooradarshana (K)	(S-3)	3.05 pm
Kasina Sara (K)	(S-4)	3.25 pm

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Love Birds (K)	(S-2)	12.35 pm, 3.20 pm
Bagheera (Ta)	(S-1)	9.15 pm; (S-2) 12.15 pm
Pathaan (H)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Jab We Met (H)	(S-2)	9.00 pm
19.20.21 (K)	(S-2)	5.55 pm
Ondanke Kaadu (K)	(S-2)	3.15 pm
Kadala Theerada Bhargava (K)	(S-4)	6.20 pm
Dooradarshana (K)	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Beegaa (K)	(S-4)	12.40 pm
Prajarajya (K)	(S-4)	3.25 pm
Kasina Sara (K)	(S-1)	6.05 pm
Pakalum Paathiraavum (Ma)	(S-4)	10.30 pm

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